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248. Memorandum of a Telephone Conversation Between the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs (Harriman) and the President's Special Assistant for National Security Affairs (Bundy), Washington, October 30, 1963, 12:25 p.m.[1]

Harriman said he had had a talk after Bundy left about Lodge and the Embassy. Harriman said he had been reading the telegrams.[2] McNamara was indignant Harkins was not asked about military assessment. . . .[3] Harriman said Harkins' assessment is not accurate. Harriman said he thought Bundy should bear this in mind in connection with what he might say. Harriman said he had a great deal of misgivings about the competence of Harkins' staff. He said he thought Trueheart has done a good job.

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[1] Source: Library of Congress, Harriman Papers, Telephone Conversations. Transcribed by Dolores P. Perruso of Harriman's staff.

[2] Apparent reference to Documents 240 and 246 and *supra*.

[3] Ellipsis in the source text.